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Medicaid requirements for speech-language pathology providers and non-billing performing providers

This *Update* consolidates information provided in previous *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Updates* and handbooks to clarify Medicaid certification, supervision, reimbursement, and billing requirements for speech-language pathology providers. Definitions and supervision requirements are found in HFS 101.03(43), 105.02, 105.30, 106.02, 107.01(2), and 107.18, Wis. Admin. Code.

Wisconsin Medicaid recognizes three categories of speech-language pathology providers:

- Speech-language pathologists.
- Speech-language pathology non-billing performing providers.
- Speech-language pathology student providers.

The Attachment to this *Update* is a table of certification, supervision, reimbursement, and billing requirements for the three categories of speech-language pathology providers.

This *Update* addresses providers in these categories who are speech-language pathology providers of community therapy services. It does not address speech-language pathologists

providing Individual Education Program (IEP) services in schools.

This *Update* applies to fee-for-service Medicaid providers only. If you are a Medicaid HMO network provider, contact your managed care organization for more information about its billing procedures. Wisconsin Medicaid HMOs are required to provide at least the same benefits for enrollees as those provided under fee-for-service arrangements.

Covered services and prior authorization requirements will not be addressed in this *Update*.

Speech-language pathologists

Certification

Speech-language pathologists may become Medicaid certified if they meet *one* of the following requirements in HFS 105.30, Wis. Admin. Code:

1. Possess a current certification of clinical competence from the American Speech and Hearing Association (ASHA).
2. Have completed the educational requirements and work experience necessary for such certification.

3. Have completed the educational requirements and be in the process of accumulating the work experience required to qualify for the certificate of clinical competence under sub. (1). (This refers to the clinical fellowship year [CFY].)

Reimbursement/Billing

Covered, medically necessary speech-language therapy services performed by speech-language pathologists may be directly reimbursed by Medicaid.

For clarification regarding clinical documentation and record-keeping requirements, refer to the August 1999 *Wisconsin Medicaid Update* (99-36), titled “Therapy services clinical documentation and record-keeping requirements.”

Speech-language pathology non-billing performing providers

Certification

Speech-language pathologists with a bachelor’s degree (B.A. or B.S.) in speech-language pathology may become Medicaid certified as speech-language pathology *non-billing* performing providers.

Supervision

Speech-language pathology non-billing performing providers must be under the direct, immediate, on-premises supervision of an ASHA-recognized and Medicaid-certified supervisor who is responsible and liable for the performance of services delivered in accordance with HFS 107.18(1)(a), Wis. Admin. Code. “Direct, immediate, on-premises supervision” is defined in HFS 101.03(43), Wis. Admin. Code, as face-to-face contact between the supervisor and the person being supervised, as necessary, with the supervisor being

physically present in the same building when the service is being performed.

Providers are required to document compliance with this supervision requirement in the recipient’s medical chart. The documentation and record-keeping requirements are referenced in HFS 105.02, 106.02(9), and 107.02(2)(e), Wis. Admin. Code. Wisconsin Medicaid requires a written entry in a recipient’s medical record for each date a therapy service is provided to the recipient. The entry must include the signatures and credentials of the performing provider and the appropriate supervising therapist. For further clarification regarding clinical documentation and record-keeping requirements, refer to the August 1999 *Update* (99-36).

Reimbursement

Wisconsin Medicaid will not directly reimburse *non-billing* performing providers for services rendered. Services performed by the non-billing provider (except for evaluations) may be reimbursed under the rehabilitation agency’s, therapy clinic’s, or supervising therapist’s provider number.

Evaluations performed by non-billing performing providers in this category are not reimbursable under Wisconsin Medicaid, as stated in HFS 107.18, Wis. Admin. Code.

Billing

The name and provider number of the supervising speech-language pathologist, therapy group, or the speech-language pathology group or clinic must be indicated in Element 33 of the HCFA 1500 claim form.

Element 24K of the HCFA 1500 claim form should be left blank if the speech-language

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pathologist with a *non-billing* performing provider number is employed by a :

- Speech and hearing clinic (Medicaid provider type 36).
- Rehabilitation agency (provider type 65).

The speech-language pathologist's non-billing performing provider number must be indicated in Element 24K of the HCFA 1500 claim form if the non-billing performing provider is employed by a:

- Therapy group (provider type 38).
- Speech-language pathology group or clinic (provider type 78, specialty 070).

Note: A provider's type and specialty can be obtained from the provider's Medicaid certification letter or by contacting Provider Services at (800) 947-9627 or (608) 221-9883.

Speech-language pathology student providers

Certification

Speech-language pathology student providers are not certified by Wisconsin Medicaid.

Supervision

Speech-language pathology student providers are required to be under the direct, immediate on-premises supervision of a Medicaid-certified supervisor who is responsible and liable for the performance of services delivered in accordance with HFS 107.01(2) and 107.18 (1)(a), Wis. Admin. Code. "Direct, immediate, on-premises supervision" means supervision with face-to-face contact between the supervisor and the person being supervised, as necessary, with the supervisor being physically present in the same building when the service is being performed.

Compliance with this supervision requirement must be documented in the recipient's medical chart. The documentation and record-keeping requirements are referenced in HFS 105.02, 105.30, 106.02, and 107.01(2), Wis. Admin. Code. Wisconsin Medicaid requires a written entry in a recipient's medical record for each date a therapy service is provided to the recipient.

The entry must include the signatures and credentials of the performing provider and the appropriate supervising therapist. For further clarification regarding clinical documentation and record-keeping requirements, refer to the August 1999 *Update* (99-36).

Reimbursement

Wisconsin Medicaid does not directly reimburse speech-language pathology students for services performed during their practicum, in accordance with HFS 107.02, Wis. Admin. Code. The rehabilitation agency, therapy clinic, or student's supervising therapist may be reimbursed for services performed by the speech-language pathology student.

Evaluations or therapy performed by speech-language pathology student providers may be covered if billed by the rehabilitation agency, therapy clinic, or student's supervising therapist, as stated in HFS 107.01(2), Wis. Admin. Code.

Billing

Services performed by the student may be reimbursed under the rehabilitation agency's, therapy clinic's, or supervising therapist's provider number.

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Electronic billing

For electronic billing information and free electronic billing software, providers may call (608) 221-4746, and ask for the Electronic Media Claims Unit.

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The *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Update* is the first source of program policy and billing information for providers.

Although the *Update* refers to Medicaid recipients, all information applies to BadgerCare recipients also.

Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare are administered by the Division of Health Care Financing, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, P.O. Box 309, Madison, WI 53701-0309.

For questions, call Provider Services at (800) 947-9627 or (608) 221-9883 or visit our Web site at www.dhfs.state.wi.us/medicaid/.

ATTACHMENT

Speech-language pathology certification, supervision, billing, and reimbursement requirements

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